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From: Robin Harris [RHarris@YottaYotta.com]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2001 10:08 PM
To: ASKDOJ
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

I was angered by your capitulation to Microsoft in the recent settlement talks. The Sherman Antitrust Act is over 100 years old and is a matter of settled public policy. Yet you treat egregious and repeated violations of it and the resulting harm to our economy and our global leadership of the information technology industry as worthy of only a slap on the wrist.

The IT company I am an officer of does not compete with Microsoft and I use many of their products. But predatory behavior by monopolists is bad for everyone, a common sense judgement reached over a century ago, but a judgement you evidently don't have the wit to endorse.

You've given every corporate violator of our nation's laws new reason to resist negotiation and cooperation. America will be paying for your lack of backbone for decades to come. I hope the campaign contributions your party expects from Microsoft are seen for what they are: a payoff for craven dereliction of duty. I hope the State's Attorneys General see fit to do the duty you've shirked.

Sincerely,

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